

Tutorial in mathematical gauge theory

Exercise 1

The projective space $\mathbb{K}P^n$

We wish to define the projective space $\mathbb{K}P^n$ for $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$. For that purpose let $a, b \in \mathbb{K}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ and define an equivalence relation \sim by

$$a \sim b :\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{K} : \lambda a = b.$$

We denote an equivalence class in $\mathbb{K}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ as

$$\pi(b) := (b^0 : b^1 : \dots : b^n) := \{a \in \mathbb{K}^{n+1} \mid a \sim b\}.$$

Furthermore, let $\mathbb{K}P^n$ denote the set of all equivalence classes.

1. Show that $U_i := \{(b^0, \dots, b^n) \mid b^i \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{K}P^n$ is open in the quotient topology of $\mathbb{K}P^n$.
2. Deduce that

$$\phi_i : U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}^n, \quad (b^0 : \dots : b^n) \longmapsto \frac{1}{b^i} (b^0, \dots, b^{i-1}, b^{i+1}, \dots, b^n)$$

defines a chart (U_i, ϕ_i) in $\mathbb{K}P^n$.

3. Show that $\mathfrak{A} := \{(U_i, \phi_i) \mid i = 0, \dots, n\}$ defines an atlas on $\mathbb{K}P^n$.
4. Verify that π is differentiable.
5. Prove that $\mathbb{K}P^n$ exists as a differentiable (smooth) manifold.

Hint: Use the definition given in the lecture. Then define for all open $U_j \subset \mathbb{K}P^n$ a set $W_j := (b^0, b^1, \dots, b^n) \in \mathbb{K}^{n+1} \mid b^j = 1$ and $\sigma_j : U_j \rightarrow W_j$ by

$$\sigma_j((b^0 : \dots : b^n)) := \frac{1}{b^j} (b^0, \dots, b^{j-1}, b^j, b^{j+1}, \dots, b^n)$$

Use them to show that $f : \mathbb{K}P^n \rightarrow N$ for some differentiable manifold N is differentiable if and only if $f \circ \pi$ is differentiable.